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Re: Laboratory Consortium for Environmental Excellence - Final Project Agreement

This letter is written in support of the XL Project and the FPA that has been recently submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, and celebrates the process that has been used to create the "product" in addition to the FPA itself.

Second Nature is an NGO participating with colleges and universities to embed environmental issues across the curriculum, administration, operations and community in an interdisciplinary way. Our organization joined the XL Project in a peer review role to ensure that the scope of the project considered both the spirit and intent of the RCRA regulations and, more importantly, that the cross-disciplinary opportunity the project presented was inclusive.

I believe both goals were achieved and encourage the Agency to give favorable consideration to the request. Managing hazardous waste is an indicator for larger issues in education, and the framework we establish around approaches, equity, collaborative working relationships, inclusion and open minded approaches to solutions sets the tone by which we teach and learn principles for later life. If these institutions are to provide the leadership for our future teachers, business leaders, scientists and political leaders, we need to engage students in the processes that influence their lives in experiential ways. This project embraces those principles.

Region One has demonstrated leadership in many areas over the last several decades, and this project presents yet another opportunity. This proposal is a win-win-win.

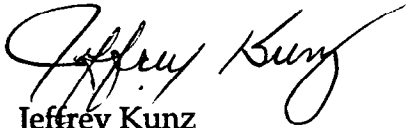
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The Agency stands to gain a greater interaction of a broad range of the university/ community, students will be better citizens from having participated in an innovative process and our environmental stewardship responsibilities are addressed.

I strongly encourage you to give this initiative favorable consideration. If I can be of further assistance in this process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kunz".

Jeffrey Kunz
Vice President
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